

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS : Hiroki MATSUOKA, et al. Confirmation No. 6446  
SERIAL NO. : 10/591,046  
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FOR : EXHAUST PURIFYING APPARATUS FOR INTERNAL  
COMBUSTION ENGINE  
GROUP ART UNIT : 3748  
EXAMINER : Tu Minh NGUYEN

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

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**RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 2, 2008 OFFICE ACTION**

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In response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 2, 2008, the Applicant respectfully submits the following, accompanied by a one-month extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.